

Testimony regarding HB 5277

My name is Marissa McDougal, and I live in Farmington. I am asking you to support HB 5277: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT PROMOTES ACCESSIBILITY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. I have had cerebral palsy since birth and I use a wheelchair, although I can stand and walk short distances with support.

When I go to my primary care physician for a yearly physical, I don't get as full an exam as I should because they don't want to take the time to help me transfer to an examining table. I am usually examined in my wheelchair because the doctor chooses to do it that way. The office does not have an accessible scale.

Mammograms can also be difficult for me. One time, at Starling Physicians Office of Radiology, I almost fell because standing and positioning myself at the machine was very difficult.